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REDUCE THE PAY AND RUIN SERVICE

President Warns Congress Against Cutting Salaries.

CAN'T TREAT THEM WITH NIGGARDNESS

Men Fit to Do the Task Won't Stand for Parsimony in Addition to False Accusations Which Are Brought Against Them.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, January 8 .- The leter of the President transmitting to Concress the annual reports of the 1sthmian Canal Commission and the Panama Railroad Company, together with Secretary fraft's letter transmitting the same

The work on the isthmus is being ad-

done, and great progress has especially during the last months. The plant is being made and the organization perfected. of sanitation, the necessary preliminary mendations of the commission and of the board of consulting engineers as to the proper plan to be adopted for the canal itself, together with my own recon-mendations thereon. All the work so fur-has been done, not only with the numost been done, not only with the utmost dition, but in the most careful and ough manner; and what has been implished gives us good reason to vee that the canal will be dug in a ter time than has been anticipated, at an expenditure within the eatl-

'All our citizens have a right to co "All our citizens have a right to congratulate themselves upon the high standard of efficiency and integrity which has been hitherto maintained by the representatives of the government in doing this great work. If this high standard of efficiency and integrity can be maintained in the future at the same level which it has now reached, the construction of the Panama Canal will be one of the features to which the people of this republic will look back with the highest pride.

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Irresponsible Critics.

"From time to time various publicaions have been made, and from time
o time in the future various similar pubications doubtless will be made, purporting to give an account of jobbery or imnorality, or inefficiency, or misery, as
obtaining on the Isthmus. I have careinteresting the care of these security ming on the istumus. I have careexamined into cach of these accuons which seemed worthy of attenin every instance the accusations
a proved to be without foundation in
shape or form. They spring from
ral sources. Sometimes they take tigators of a sensational habit of ad, incapable of observing or repeat

of disappointed bidders for contracts; or of office holders who have proved incompetent, or who have been suspected of corruption and dismissed, or who have been offorcome by panic and have fled from the Isthmus. Every specific charge relating to jobbery, to immorality or to inefficiency, from whatever source it has come, has been immediately investigated, and in no single instance have the statements of these sensation mongers and the interested complainants behind them proved true. The only discredit inhering in these false accusations is to those which originate and give them currency, and who, to the extent of their abilities, thereby hamper and obstruct the completion of the great work in which both the honor and interest of America are so deeply involved.

"It matters not whether those guilty of these false accusations utter them in mere wanton recklessness, or folly, or in a spirit of sinster malice, to gratify some personal or political grudge.

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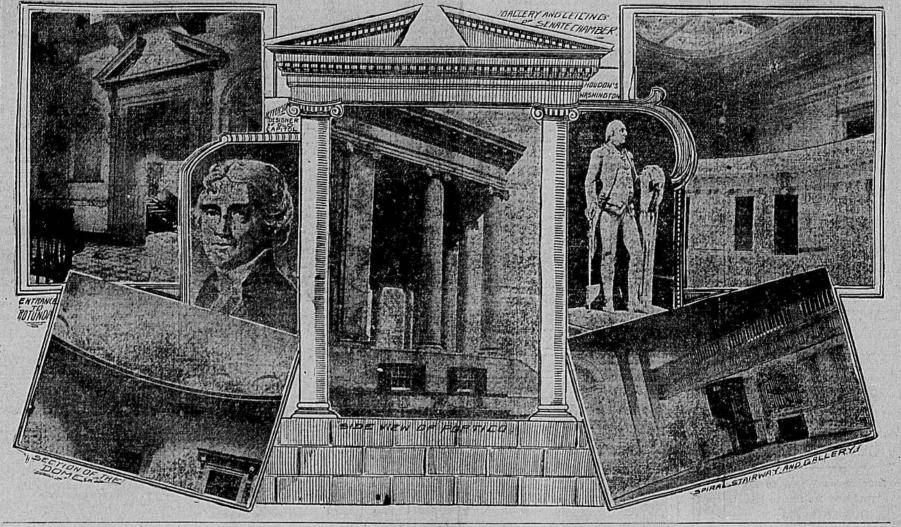
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"Any attempt to cut down the salaries of the officials of the Isthmilan Commission, or of their subordinates, who are doing important work, would be rutinous from the standpoint of accomplishing the work effectively. To quote the words of official the best observers on the Isthmus, deformization of the service is certain if the reward for successful endeavor is a reduction of pay,

"We are undetrtaking in Panama a gigantic task—the largest piece of engineering ever done. The employment of the men engaged thereon is only temporary, and yet it will require the highest order of ability if it is to be done economically, honestly and efficiently. To attempt to secure men to do this work on installects salarice mould. nonically, honestly and efficiently. To attempt to secure men to do this work on insufficient salaries would amount to putting a premium apon inefficiency and corruption. Men fit for the work will not undertake it unless they are well putd. In the end the men who do undertake it will be left to seek other employment with, as their chief reward, the reputations they achieve. Their work is infinitely more difficult than any private work, both because of the peculiar conditions of the tropical land in which it is laid and because it is impossible to free them from the peculiar limitations inseparably connected with government employment; while it is unfortunately

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GROUP OF STRIKING ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES OF NEW CAPITAL OF VIRGINIA WHICH WILL SOON BE READY FOR LEGISLATURE



Southern Physician Destroys His Coroner Bases Determination Life in New York and Leaves Strange Explanation.

Victim Had Periodical Attacks of Suicidal and Homicidal Form of Insanity.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, January 8 .- Dr. R. W. Steger, said to be a graduate of Vanderbilt and Columbia Universities, and of a family prominent in Nashville, Tenn., at Hotel, at Broadway and Thirty-ninth Street, some time Sunday night, by takpital to-day, where physicians say he

fering longer. He willed his body to the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Co-

any fame is grobert w. Steger and I am forty-eight years old. Occupation, physician; place of birth, Alabama; as a cause of death, sucide by means of morphine and chloroform. I give my body to the College of Physicians and Surgeous, of this city, for dissection. I am a graduate of that school, class of 1898. I have not been mentally sound for several years, having suffered from frequent attacks of suicidal mania. These would sometimes

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WHAT CAN A SAILOR DO IN A FOX HUNT?

Cruiser Charleston Celebration to Wind Up in Chasing the Wary Reynard.

11. (**) (By Associated Press.) CHARLESTON, S. C., January S.—The city of Charleston is now ready for the visit of the United States cruiser Charles visit of the United States cruiser Charleston, with Secretary Bonaparte on board. A public reception will be tendered the Secretary and officers of the Charleston and of the coast defense squadron Tuesday night, and the formal presentation of the beautiful sliver punch bowl, which cost about \$3,000, will take place Wednesday on board the cruiser. A magnitical banquet at the Charleston Hotel will be the feature of Wednesday night, and there will be driven about the city an excursion on the harbor and a fox hunt, to wind up with a hunt dinner at the country home of Congressman Leagure Thursday. The city will expend fifteen to twenty thousand dollars in making the occasion memorable.

Second Trial for Murder.

(By Associated Press.)
ROME, GA., January 8.—The second trial of V. T. Sanford, charged with murdering George Wright. Southern Railway ticket agent here last spring, was begun before Judge Mosses Wright here to-day. When court adjourned, eleven jurors had been chosen.

Part on Each of Two Important Discoveries.

LIFE WAS WORSE THAN DEATH FIND MORPHINE IN THE BODY

Foregoing, With Finding of Revolver, Considered Sufficient to Release Hiller.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., January 8.

Suicide by means of both bullet and suicide by means of both bullet and potson is the explanation given by Coroner Ell Mix, or the death of Charles A. Edwards, of New York city, at the Abigail Hiller homestead here on Tuesday night last. This finding is contained in a preliminary report to State's Attorney Williams and is based in part on the discovery of morphine in the body of Mr. Edwards by Medical Examiner Barlett and the surgeons who performed the autopsy. The finding is supported by some portions of the evidence jaken at the in-

Mix adds that Mr. Edward's death

near the Hiller house a W-calibre revolver and a half-pint bottle containing a quantity of laudanum.

Until that time, and in absence of a report on the chemical analysis of the viscera the weight of evidence taken by Mr. Mix was that Mr. Edwards had been murdered.

The first action taken by Coroner Mix to-day after reaching a conclusion in the case, was to order the release from surveillance of A. Maxcy Hiller, brotherin-law of Mr. Edwards, who on Thursday evening last was placed in charge of a police officer.

The coroner's brief report does not dispet the mystery in the death or Mr. Edwards, and until the complete finding is ready, probably no public solution can be

ready, probably no public solution can be found as to why Mr. Edwards, as Corone found as to why Mr. Edwards, as Coroner Mix describes his actions, "at two o'clock on Wednesday morning last, clad in his underclothes, left his chamber and descended to the basement; lighted the gas, unbolted and opened the rear door, twice discharging a revolver at himself, one builet going into the ear; then failing to kill himself, threw the weapon away, drank haudanum and tossed the bottle after the pistol, and with blood flowing from a wound in the head, dragged himself back to his chamber, got into hed, drew the bed clothes over his shoulders and after placing a handkerchief under his head to staunch the flow of blood, lapsed into unconsciousness, death coming six hours later."

ANTI-DEATH COMPACT.

Hale Acquitted of Killing His Friend Norfleet.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SUFFOLK, VA., January, 8,—Accused of slaving his friend, isaac Norliest, colored, John Hale, also colored, this atternoon was acquitted in Nansemond Circuit.

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Defense attorney's emphasized the fact that Hale and his victim had made an anti-death compact, by the terms of which Hale was to pay all Doctor's bills and support Norfleet's family utler his death.

Receipts from physicians showed that the accused had been keeping his agreement. In consideration of financial aid and sorrow for Norfleet's plight, Hale was to be immune from punishment.

To-day several withosses swore the shooting was accidental and despite the efforts of the prosecution, Hale was freed.

States Attorney, Edward E. Holland, said to-night: The result was a miscarriage of Justice.

Topic Among the Law Makers.

CARDWELL PEOPLE CLAIM VICTORY

Backers of Lee and Churchman Contend That No Candidate Can Win On First Ballot and That It's Any-Body's Fight. Caucuses.

On the eye of the assembling of the Legislature, public interest is divided houses, which will be practically contests to be determined in the foint canons to be held later on

About sixty of the one hundred and thirty-nine members had arrived up to last night, and they and the Democratic leaders who gathered with them kept

In either of to-night's caucuses is over the speakership of the House, and the three candidates and their friends are working hard to land the plum.

All the incoming members were seen in the interest of each of the aspirants, and some of them were seen many times by different advocates of this or that

and some of them were seen many times by different advocates of this or that candidate.

Captain Cardwell, Colonel Lee and Mr., Churchman all have their headquarters at Murphy's, and there were frequent conferences and consultations last night

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia and North Caroline-Pair and decidedly colder Tuesday; Wed-nesday, fair; fresh to brisk northwest winds.

Conditions Yesterday.

Conditions in Important Cities. (At 8 P. M., Eastern Time,) Ther. High, T, Weather

Augusta 56	60	Rain
Charlotte	52	Rain
	64	Cloudy
Chicago, Ill 16	- 011	Clear
Hatterns, N. C of	64	Rain
Jacksonville 60	68	· Cloudy
Mobile 48	68	Rain
New Or, eans 10	70	Bam
New York City	20	Snow
Raleigh	96	Rain
Savannah 65	GS	Clouds
Tampa, Fla 61	78	Clear
Wilmington 50	US	Rain

Miniature Almanac.

January 9, 1906. HIGH TIDE. Morning....... 3:49 Evening...... 4:00

Was the Overshadowing Midshipman Miller, to Graduate at Head of Class Next month, in Arrest.

Miller is Cadet Lieutenant-Verdict is Reached in the Case of Marzoni.

(By Associated Press.) ANNAPOLIS, MD., January 8 .- Mid-ANNAPOLIS, MD., January S.—Midshipman John P. Miller, of Lancaster,
Ky., who has been expected to graduate
at the head of his class next month, was
placed in arrest to-day on charges of
hazing Henry G. Cooper, Jr., of Oxford,
N. C., and Max B. Demott, of Niles,
Mich., members of the fourth class. The
charges are under the act of 1874, which
provides the penalty of expulsion upon a
conviction of hazing, and the act of 1903,
which sets the same penalty for "encouraging or countenancing hazing." Cooper
is the midshipman who was stricken with
paralysis while in a class room about a paralysis while in a class room about a nected in any way with this incident, The character of the specifications has not been made public. Miller is cadet lieutenant, in command of the Twelfth

Reach Verdict in Marzoni Case. Naval Academy to-day concluded the

Naval Academy to-day concluded the trial of the case of Midshipman Petterson M. Marzoni, alleged to be connected with hazing in six different instances. Little evidence was introduced by the defense and none by the judge-advocate in rebuttal, so that most of the morning session was devoted to the remarks of George H. Mann, for the defense, and ludge-Advocate Harrison for the ways. Judge-Advocate Harrison, for the prose-

Judge-Advocate Harrison, for the prosecution.

The only witness introduced to-day was Professor S. J. Brown, of the department of mathematics, who was put on the stand by the defense. He said that he was a midshipman of the third class in the year 1874. Counsel for the defense then asked him if hazing existed at that time; and the judge-advocate interposed an objection on the ground of irrelevancy. Air. Mann, for the defense, stated that he wished to offer testimony as to what was understod by hazing in 1874, the act referring to it as "the offense commonly known by hazing." The court

monly known by hazing." The court sustained the objection to this line of questioning. Professor Brown said that he believed Marzoni to be a promising

the believed Marzoni to be a promising youth.

The defense had a number of other witnesses, but as they were expected to testify along the line that had been excluded when Professor Brown was the eitness, they were not called.

The court at 2:30 o'clock announced that a verdict had been reached in Marzoni's case, but it will not be made public until it has received the approval of Admiral Sands, superintendent of the Navai Academy. The court also announced that it would take up the second case against Midelipman Stepher Decatur, jr., to-morrow marning at 10 o'clock,

COTTON MEN CALL OFF MEETING AT HOT SPRINGS

(By Associated Press.)
ATLANTA, GA. January S, The Executive Committee of the Southern Cotton Association will hold its next annual meeting at New Orleans, January 15th

meeting at New Orleans, January 18th and 18th.

The meeting get for the same dates at Hot Springs, Ark, has been called off on account of the meeting of the Cotton Association at New Orleans this week, at which place the Executive Committee will hold its 10,3247 annual meeting.

Standard Oil Man Didn't Care What State's Supreme Court Expected From Him.

CLAIMED HE HAZED COOPER HADLEY WOULD HEAR LAWSON

Attorney General Says He Would Like to Have Bostonian Tell All He Knows.

(By Associated Press.) YORK, January 8.-Henry H NEW Rogers, the vice-president of the Standard Oll Company of New Jersey, and a director of the Standard Oil Company o Indiana, which Attorney-General Herness stand to-day on quo warranto proceedings brought by Mr. Hadley, Mr. Hadley took up with him only two points; whether the Standard Oil Company of Indiana has an office in the building at No. 26 Brondway, this city, where the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey has its offices; and whether the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey owns, or controls a majority of the stock of the

he imagined that James A. Moffett, presi-dent of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, has an office at No. 26 Broadway, but that he (Mr. Rogers) was never

in it.

Mr. Rogers declined to answer the question whether the Standard Oil Company,
of New Jersey, owns the stock of the
other companies, which Mr. Hadley al-

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ONE SERMON WINS HIM CITY PASTORATE

Venable Street Baptist Church Calls Rev. C. E. Stuart, of Southwest Virginia. Venable Street Baptist Church extended

Venable Street Baptlat Church extended on Sunday a unanimous call to the Rev. C. E. Stuart, of Pennington Gap. Val. Mr. Stuart, who is working under the State Mission Board in Southwest Virginia, was in the city the last Sunday in the year on business connected with the board and without any idea of preaching anywhere. But some prominent members of Venable Street Baptist Church invited him to all the pulpit there and the congregation was so delighted with him, that a manimous call resulted. The salary offered is \$1,500 per year.

Mr. Stuart Is an alumnus of Richmond College and of the Southern Theological Seminary at Louisville. For several years after his gradmation he was pastor of the Asaland Baptist Church, from which field he went as a State Missionary to Southwest Virginia. Mr. Stuart has done good work during his five year term at Pennington Gap. Finding that schools were needed, in that part of the country as well as churches, he raised \$12,000 largely by personal effort, and founded a school for girls. It is not known as yet whether he will accept.

Dr. James B. Tuylor has for the last month falled the pulpit of the church, and the congregation has become very much attached to him.

SLEMP'S STRENGTH HAS NOT SHRUNK

Retires Mr. Bowden or the Latter's Own Battleground.

KIMBERLEY WINS POSTMASTERSHIP

The Fact That Ex-Representative Libbey, Backed By Bowden, Wanted Fort Monroe Position, Demonstrates

> That Slemp is Strong.

(From Our Regular Correspondent. WASHINGTON, D. C., January 8 Representative Blemp and his friends have a strong voice in the selection of Federal appointees to office in Vi ginia, despite the flasco which was the result of the Republican campaign in Virginia last fall. John B. Kimberley nomination to the postmastership of Fortress Monroe was sent to the Senat by the President to-day. It is not at al likely that there will be opposition to the confirmation of the appointment: I Harry Libbey wanted the position. It is said that George E. Bowden, clerk of the United States Court at Norfolk, and the strongest anti-Blemp man at heart in Virginia, was supporting Mr. Idbbey, while the Slamp crowd was backing Mr. Kimberley has been the postmaste

He is shout the most impotent man or the reservation at Fort Monroe, owning

It is understood that the Fresident win a few days announce the reappointment of Postmaster Fleet, of the Asiland office. Captain Lamb would like to see Fleet continued in the office, as has an excellent record. In fact, Mirecord as an official is responsible for his retention, as some of the applicants for the position were good menwell indorsed. The policy of the department is to retain the officials who have discharged the duties of the places in discharged the duties of the places in

Turned It On the Lady

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Representative Lamb suffered little inconvenience by reason of the \$15,000 fm; Sunday morning at the National Hotel, where he resides. As a matter of fact, the captain, who is a good sleeper, came very near not waking up. He would have slept through the exoltement and noise had it not been that a woman in the hall near his door set up an unearthy screaming. The captain, ennegging, opened a crack of the door and asked the lady the cause of her excitement. She replied in distracted tones that the hotel was on fire and that he had better dress. The captain's remark to her was the last clause of the last sentence, but the lady did not heed him and rushed on down the hall. Captain Lamb dressed and got into the street, without seeing the necessity of excitement or hurry.

Several persons had to be taken down the fire-escape, and lost ciothing and jewelry. Nome of Captain Lamb's effects were damaged.

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A lean, wondering, citizen, accompanied by a pretty young woman, evidently his wife, who was leading a remarkably handsome boy of six or seven years tried to pass the doorkeeper at the west entrance to the Senate chamber. Colonel "Jim" Edwards halted the would-be visitor te the hall of the senators, and informed him that he could not enter there, even if "he left all hope behind."

"I just wanted to go in there to speak to a friend of mine from my district (own in Virginia," replied the visiton "You mean Senator Daniel or Senator Martin." replied Colonel Edwards." Give me your name and I will send in for them."

them."

"O, I don't mean them," replied the
Virginian, "I mean Mr. 'Lou' Summers,
the internal revenue collector at Abingdon, I saw him in there when I was up
in the replicar."

don. I saw him in there when I was up in the gallery."
"Not never." replied the colonel. "He wasn't in there and he never will be juniess he gats, to be a senator, or a member of Congress, or secretary to a senator or congressman."

Disappointment was writ deep on the countenance of the virginian, as he went away, speculating, perhaps, on the identity of the member of the United States Senate who hears such a closs resemblance to the internal revent.